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SUBJ: PRAVDA CHIDES U.S. FOR SUPPORTING LON NOL

1. FIRST SOVIET PRESS COMMENTARY ON CAMBODIA IN SOME
TIME APPEARS IN PRAVDA MAY 8. IT FINDS NO REDEEMING
FEATURES IN LON NOL GOVERNMENT AND PRAISES BATTLE
SUCCESSES OF "PEOPLE'S ARMED FORCES OF NATIONAL
LIBERATION." ASSERTING THAT GKR IS INCREASINGLY
ISORATED, COMMENTARY CHARGES THAT LON NOL REGIME
IS LINKED TO INTERESTS OF UXMS. CIRCLES WHICH OPPOSE
NORMALIZATION IN INDOCHINA. IT CITES REPORTED INCREASE
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IN U.S. MILITARY AID, ALLEGED USAF RECONNAISSANCE AND

AIRDROP FLIGHTS, PRESENCE OF 3500 U.S. ADVISERS ATTACHED TO "PUPPET UNITS," AND ALLEGED USE OF SEVERAL THOUSAND GVN TROOPS ON CAMBODIAN SOIL.

2. ALTHOUGH PRAVDA CLAIMS THAT BROAD SEGMENTS OF POPULACE SUPPORT GRUNK, IT AVOIDS DISCUSSION OF GRUNK PERSONALITIES OR PROGRAMS. IT REITERATES SOVIET FORMULA FOR SETTLEMENT -- FOREIGN INTERFERENCE IN CAMBODIA MUST CEASE AND CAMBODIANS MUST BE GIVEN CHANCE TO DETERMINE THEIR OWN FATE.

3. COMMENT: COMMENTARY IS EVIDENTLY INTENDED TO BURNISH THE SOVIET IMAGE OF SUPPORT FOR GRUNK, IN THIS CASE BY POINTING AN ACCUSING FINGER AT "CERTAIN CIRCLES" IN THE U.S. ALTHOUGH UNWILLING TO GET OUT AHEAD OF THE REBELS ON QUESTION OF NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT, IT IMPLIES THAT THIS IS SOVIET PREFERRED SOLUTION.
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